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The Honorable Lonny R. Suko
Senior U.S. District Court Judge
Eastern District of Washington
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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
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SEAN F. McAVOY, CLERK
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RE: ALI, Riphe

Dkt. No.: 1:14CR02101-LRS-1

Date of Conviction: June 15, 2017

Start of Supervised Release: June 15, 2017

REQUEST TO RETURN PASSPORT

Your Honor:

On January 14, 2015, Mr. Ali appeared before United States Magistrate Judge James P. Hutton, and was released onto pretrial supervision. He was ordered to surrender his United States (U.S.) and foreign (Palestine) passports to the U.S. Probation/Pretrial Services Office while his instant offense was pending.

While on pretrial supervision, he was granted permission to travel to the Middle East/West Bank region from September 17, until October 19, 2015, a request which was approved by U.S. Magistrate Judge James P. Hutton. On March 10, 2016, Mr. Ali was again granted permission by U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary K. Dimke to travel to the Middle East/West Bank region from March 19, until April 18, 2016. Both times, the U.S. Probation/Pretrial Services office returned his U.S. and Palestinian passports to him for travel.

On June 15, 2017, Mr. Ali was sentenced by Your Honor to time served followed by 3 years supervised release in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C), Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances. Upon conviction, Mr. Ali's U.S. passport was sent to the Department of the State and his Palestinian passport was sent to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) per U.S. Probation/Pretrial Services policy.

Since the commencement of his supervised release, Mr. Ali has remained in compliance. He reports as directed and updates this officer with any changes as required. Mr. Ali was moved to a low risk/administrative caseload effective August 1, 2017.

Mr. Ali is requesting assistance from this officer regarding the return of his U.S. passport. He plans to schedule a trip to the Middle East while on post conviction supervision. Once Mr. Ali has obtained his passport, this officer will request permission from the Court regarding any future out of country travel.

On November 28, 2017, the Assistant United States Attorney's Office was contacted and does not oppose the return of Mr. Ali's U.S. passport. This officer also spoke with Mr. Ali's assigned counsel, Kenneth Therrien, who advised he has not had contact with Mr. Ali. Mr. Therrien shared he plans to withdraw from Mr. Ali's case.

This officer respectfully requests the Court's permission be granted for Mr. Ali to obtain his surrendered U.S. passport from the Department of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew L. Thompson
Chief U.S. Probation Officer

By: s/Linda Leavitt 11/29/2017
Linda Leavitt Date
U.S. Probation Officer


Approved by:

s/Jose Vargas 11/29/2017
Jose Vargas Date
Supervisory U.S. Probation Officer

ORDER OF THE COURT:

Approved 

Disapproved _____


The Honorable Lonny R. Suko
Senior U.S. District Judge

11/29/17
Date